

PROTOCOL

ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF THE ENVIRONMENT
 BETWEEN
 THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT
 OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
 AND
 THE MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT
 OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND

The Environmental Protection Department of the Republic of Lithuania and Ministry of the Environment of the Republic of Finland, hereinafter the Parties, have agreed as follows:

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The Parties shall promote and further cooperation in the field of the environment to the mutual benefit and advantage of both.

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This cooperation shall aim at improving the environment in each of the two countries as well as the state of the Baltic Sea, at increasing ecological safety and at duly forestalling environmental problems by means of more efficient protection of waters and air and improved waste management. The Parties shall also cooperate in developing environmental monitoring, the exchange of environmental information and the transfer of technology which is as environmentally sound as possible.

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The cooperation shall especially deal with the following sectors of environmental protection:

- air pollution abatement,
- protection of waters and the marine environment,
- waste management and waste recycling,
- nature conservation and landscape protection,
- environmental administration and legislation,
- environmental monitoring,
- environmental impact assessment,
- environmental education and training,
- environmental research, and
- environmental protection technology and resource-saving technology.

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The cooperation of the Parties shall take the following form:

- exchange of experts,
- exchange of scientific and technical information,
- specification of joint economic and technical projects to solve environmental problems, and planning and training related to such projects,
- participation of experts in international environmental conferences and symposia to be arranged in each of the two countries, and
- other mutually agreed forms of cooperation.

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In order to implement this cooperation the Parties shall establish a permanent Lithuanian-Finnish working group. The meetings of this working group shall by mutual agreement be arranged in Lithuania and in Finland. The working group shall, within the fields of competence of the Parties, agree on joint projects and define the authorities, institutions, enterprises and organizations taking part in project implementation.

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The sending Party shall pay the travel expenses for the experts sent, unless otherwise agreed in individual cases.

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Negotiations on the implementation of this Protocol shall be organized between the Lithuanian Environmental Protection Department and the Finnish Ministry of the Environment, who shall appoint their representatives taking part in these meetings.

Done in Helsinki on the 7th day of February, 1992, in two copies in the English language, each copy being equally true.

For the Environmental
Protection Department
of the Republic of Lithuania



For the Ministry of the
Environment of the Republic
of Finland

